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**THE STORY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN  
(His early years)**

Nearly two hundred \_\_\_years\_\_\_ ago, there lived in Boston a \_\_little\_ boy whose name was Benjamin Franklin. \_\_When\_\_ Benjamin Franklin was a \_\_boy\_\_ there were no great public \_\_schools in Boston as there are now. But he learned to read almost as \_\_soon\_\_ as he could talk, and he was \_\_always\_\_ fond of books.

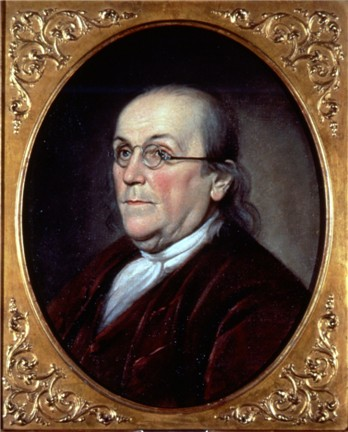
His nine brothers were \_\_older\_\_ than he, and every one had learned a trade. They did not care so much for \_\_books\_\_. "Benjamin shall be the scholar of our family," said his \_\_mother\_\_.

And so, when he \_\_was\_\_ eight \_\_years\_\_ old, Benjamin Franklin was sent to a grammar \_\_\_school\_\_, where boys were prepared for college. He was a very apt scholar, and in a few \_\_months\_\_ was promoted to a higher class.

But the lad was not allowed to stay long in the grammar school. His father was a \_\_poor\_\_\_ man. It would cost a great deal of money to give Benjamin a college education. The times were very \_\_hard\_. The idea of educating the \_\_boy\_\_ had to be given up. In less than a year he was taken from the grammar school, and sent to \_\_another\_\_ school where arithmetic and writing were taught.

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He \_\_learned\_\_ to write very well. But he did not care so much for arithmetic, and so failed to \_\_do\_\_ what was expected of him.

When he was \_\_ten\_\_ years old he had to leave school altogether. His father needed his \_\_help\_\_, and there were many things that he could do.

He never attended school again. But he kept on studying and \_\_reading\_\_; and we shall find that afterwards \_\_became\_\_ the most learned man in \_\_\_\_\_America.

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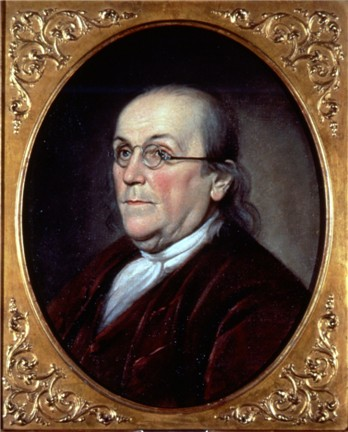
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